

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA BARBARA APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE FINDINGS REQUIRED BY HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE SECTION 33445 FOR REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY FUNDING OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FOR A NEW SURFACE PUBLIC PARKING LOT AT 217 HELENA AVENUE, WHICH INCLUDES AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE A DESIGN CONTRACT WITH PENFIELD & SMITH ENGINEERING, INC.

WHEREAS, the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Santa Barbara is undertaking certain activities for the planning and execution of redevelopment projects in the Central City Redevelopment Project Area;

WHEREAS, the site is currently a vacant dirt lot subject to graffiti, dumping and vandalism;

WHEREAS, converting the vacant lot to a public parking lot will provide the surrounding area and businesses with needed off-street parking;

WHEREAS, the Helena Avenue Public Parking Lot will eliminate blighting conditions inside the Project Area by improving the aesthetics of the site and will complement the adjacent Youth Hostel currently under construction;

WHEREAS, the Helena Avenue Public Parking Lot will support neighborhood businesses and encourage pedestrian activity in and around the area by providing a "park once" opportunity in the Lower State Street/Waterfront area, and

WHEREAS, an increase in visitors and pedestrians in the area will improve the economic vitality by encouraging economic activity which leads to additional public and private improvements and thereby eliminates blight and the conditions that lead to blight, consistent with the current adopted Implementation Plan of the Central City Redevelopment Project Area.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA BARBARA AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The Helena Avenue Public Parking Lot, to be funded by the Redevelopment Agency, will be of benefit to the Central City Redevelopment Project area as the improvements will generate additional pedestrian activity by locals and tourists in the surrounding neighborhood and Waterfront Areas. An increase in these activities improves the vitality of the project area by encouraging economic activity by locals and visitors and will lead to additional public and private improvements, and thereby, eliminate blight and the conditions that lead to blight.

SECTION 2. No other reasonable means of financing for the Helena Avenue Public Parking Lot are available.

SECTION 3. The payment of funds for a new public parking lot is consistent with the 2010 – 2014 City of Santa Barbara Central City Redevelopment Project Implementation Plan adopted pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 33490.

SECTION 4. The City Council authorizes the Public Works Director to execute a contract with Penfield & Smith, in the amount of \$79,897 for engineering and design services for the Helena Avenue Parking Lot Project and to approve expenditures of up to \$7,990, or 10%, to cover any scope of work changes or unexpected extra services that may be required.